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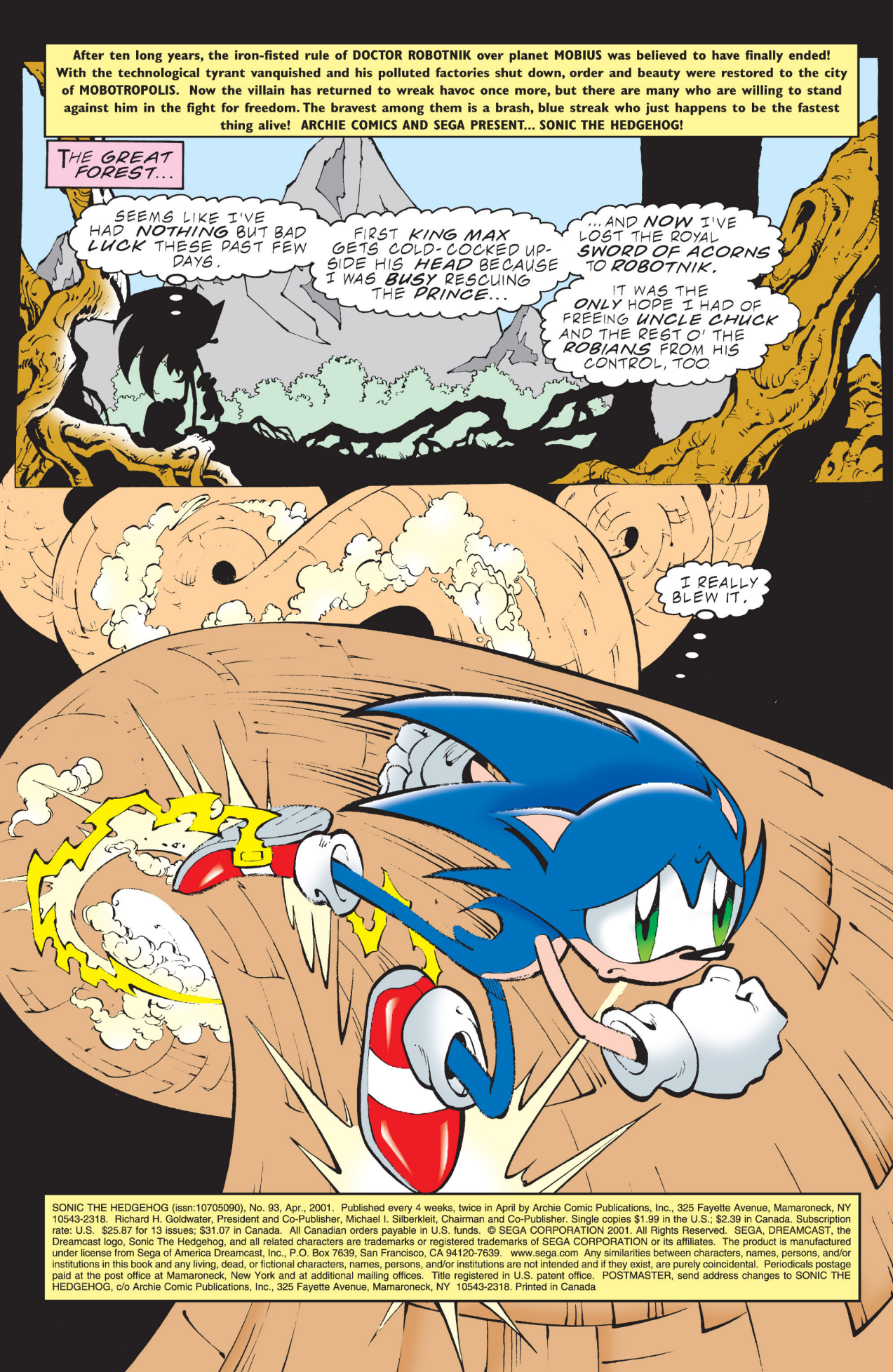
THE GREAT FOREST...
SEEMS LIKE I'VE HAD NOTHING BUT BAD LUCK THESE PAST FEW DAYS.
FIRST KING MAX GETS COLD-COCKED UP-SIDE HIS HEAD BECAUSE I WAS BUSY RESCUING THE PRINCE...
...AND NOW I'VE LOST THE ROYAL SWORD OF ACORNS TO ROBOTNIK.
IT WAS THE ONLY HOPE I HAD OF FREEING UNCLE CHUCK AND THE REST O' THE ROBIANS FROM HIS CONTROL, TOO.
I REALLY BLEW IT.

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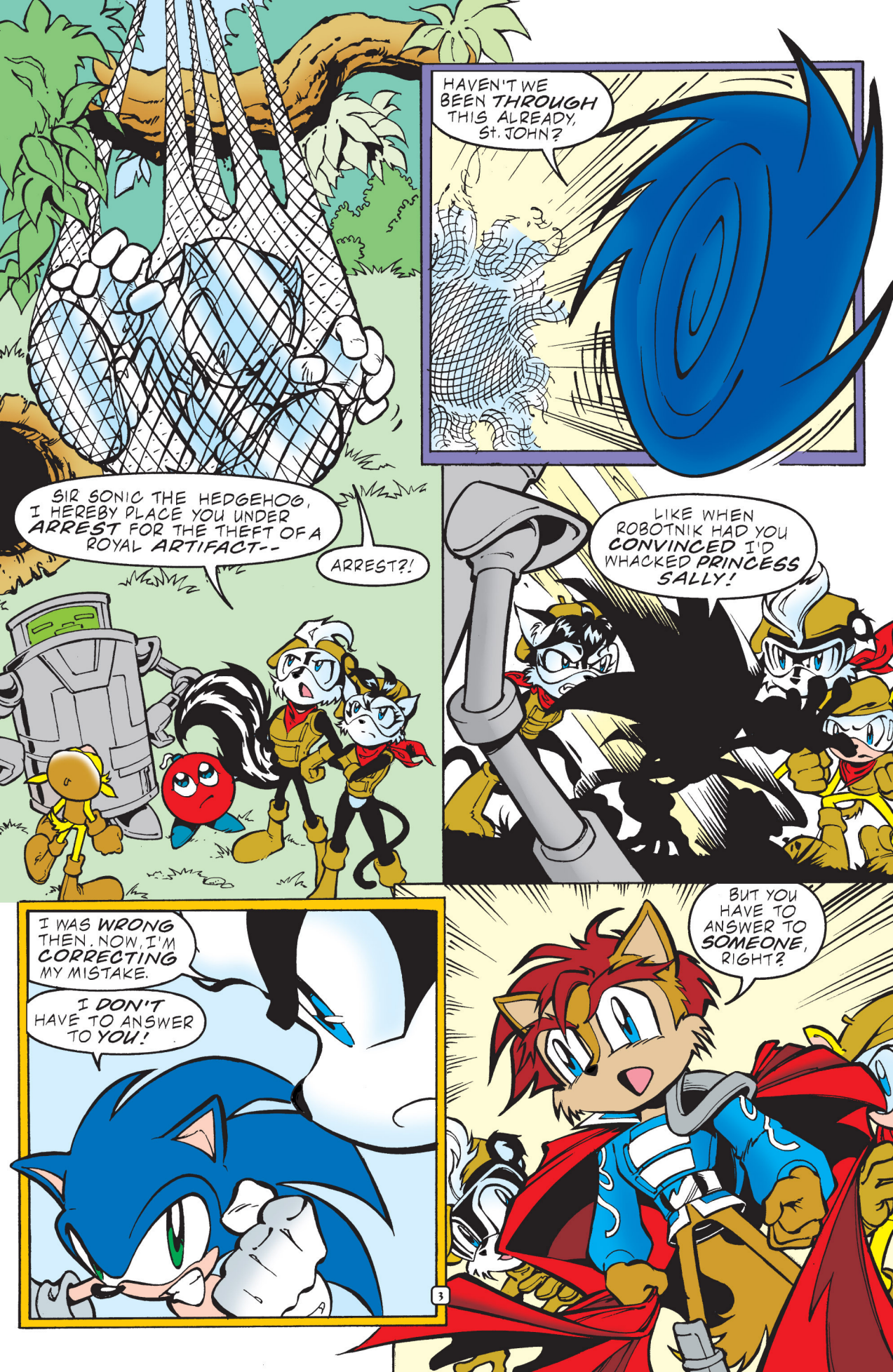
HAVEN'T WE BEEN THROUGH THIS ALREADY, St. JOHN?
SIR SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, I HEREBY PLACE YOU UNDER ARREST FOR THE THEFT OF A ROYAL ARTIFACT--
ARREST?!
LIKE WHEN ROBOTNIK HAD YOU CONVINCED I'D WHACKED PRINCESS SALLY!
I WAS WRONG THEN. NOW, I'M CORRECTING MY MISTAKE.
I DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER TO YOU!
BUT YOU HAVE TO ANSWER TO SOMEONE, RIGHT?
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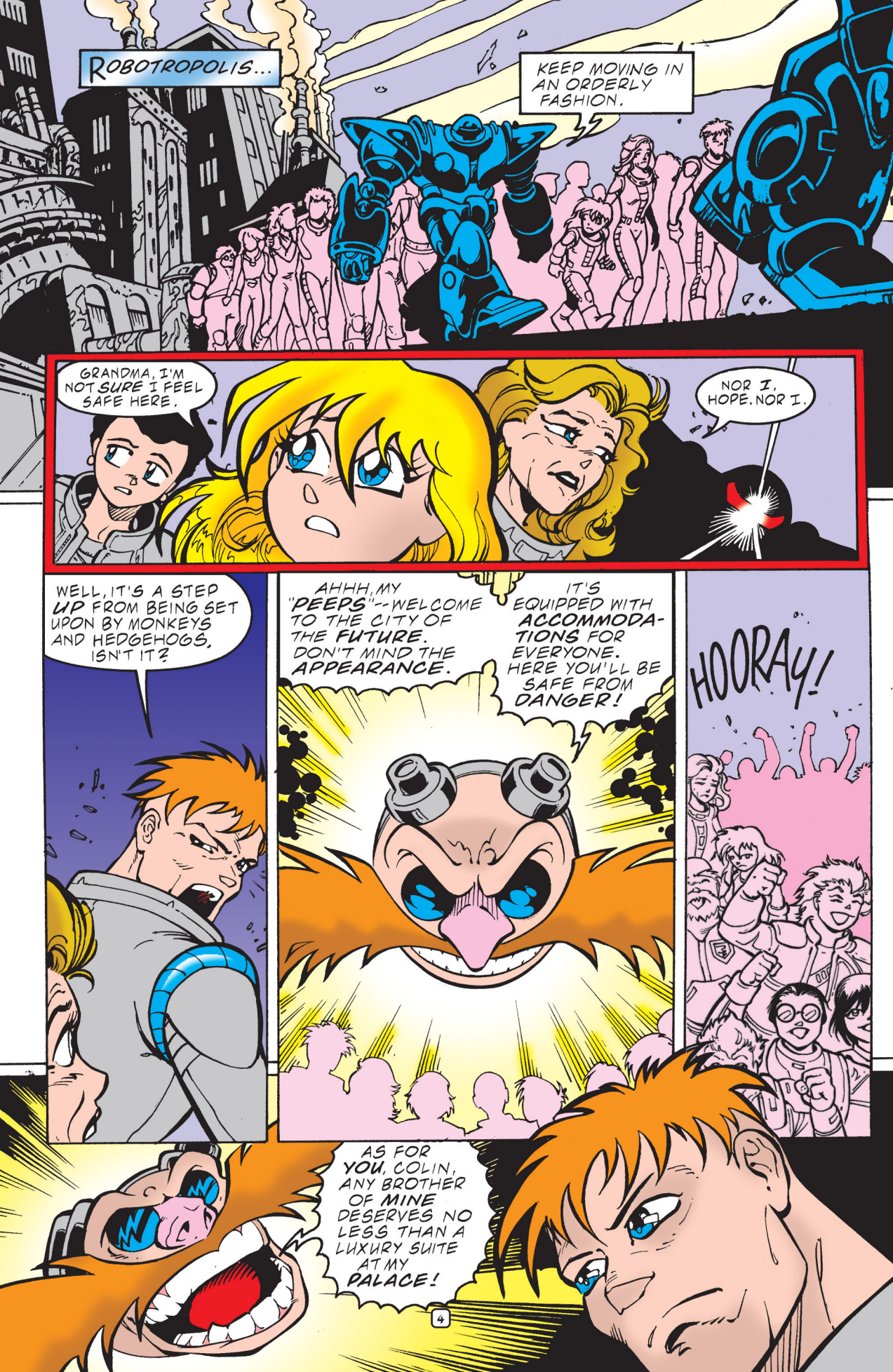
ROBOTROPOLIS...
KEEP MOVING IN AN ORDERLY FASHION.
GRANDMA, I'M NOT SURE I FEEL SAFE HERE.
NOR I, HOPE. NOR I.
WELL, IT'S A STEP UP FROM BEING SET UPON BY MONKEYS AND HEDGEHOGS, ISN'T IT?
AHHH, MY "PEEPS"--WELCOME TO THE CITY OF THE FUTURE. DON'T MIND THE APPEARANCE.
IT'S EQUIPPED WITH ACCOMMODATIONS FOR EVERYONE. HERE YOU'LL BE SAFE FROM DANGER!
HOORAY!
AS FOR YOU, COLIN, ANY BROTHER OF MINE DESERVES NO LESS THAN A LUXURY SUITE AT MY PALACE!
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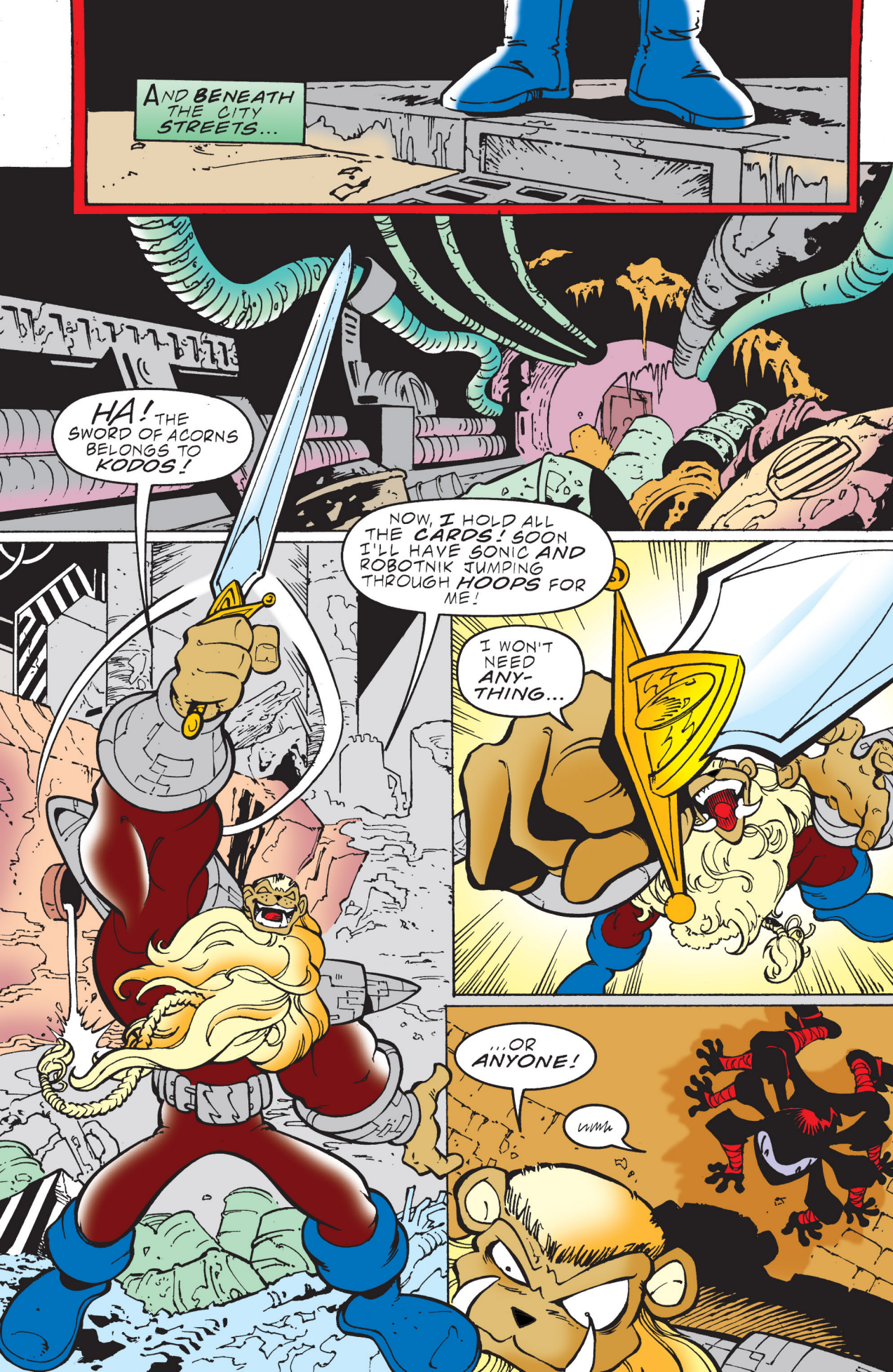
AND BENEATH THE CITY STREETS...
HA! THE SWORD OF ACORNS BELONGS TO KODOS!
NOW, I HOLD ALL THE CARDS! SOON I'LL HAVE SONIC AND ROBOTNIK JUMPING THROUGH HOOPS FOR ME!
I WON'T NEED ANY-THING...
...OR ANYONE!
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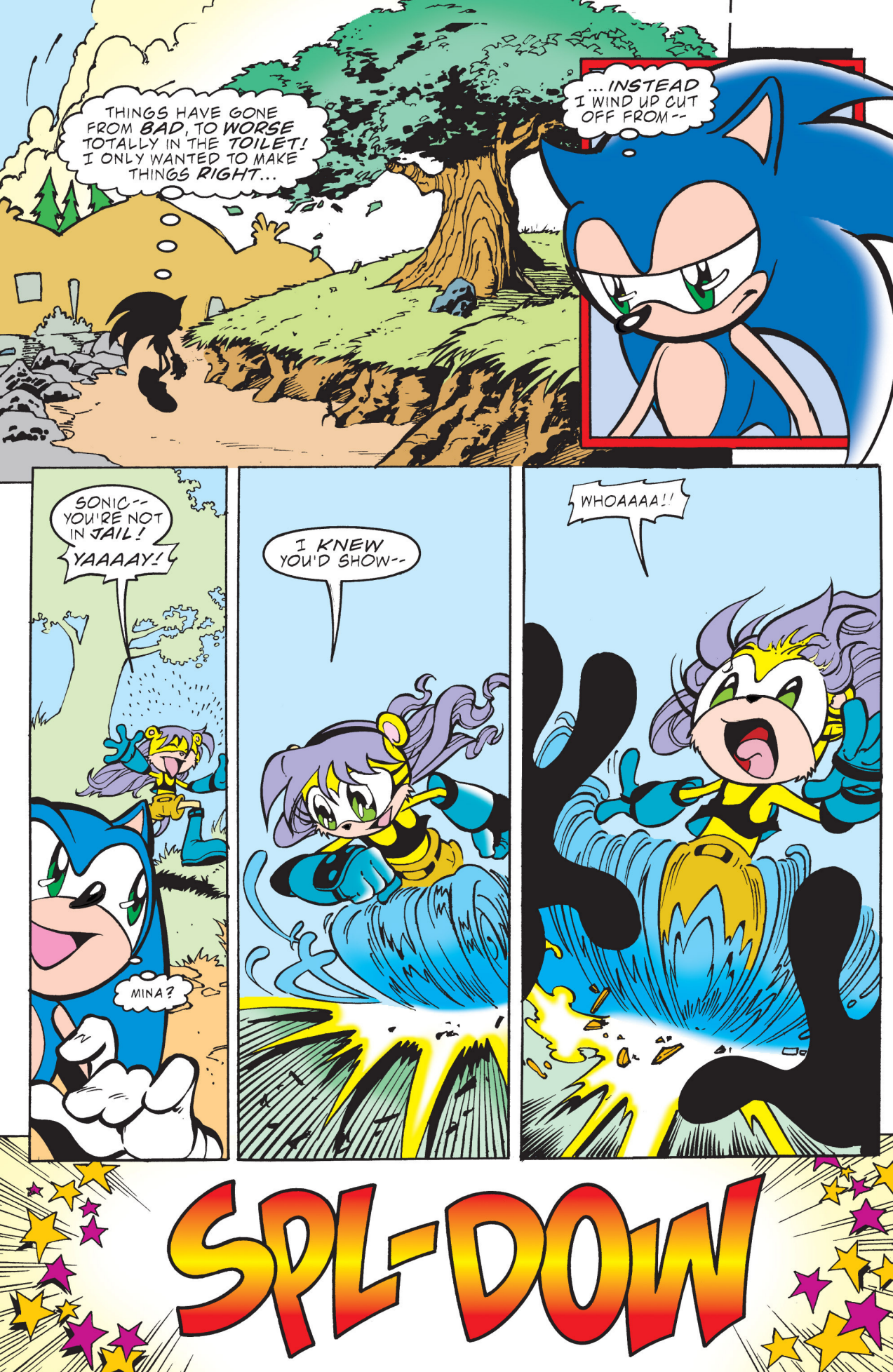
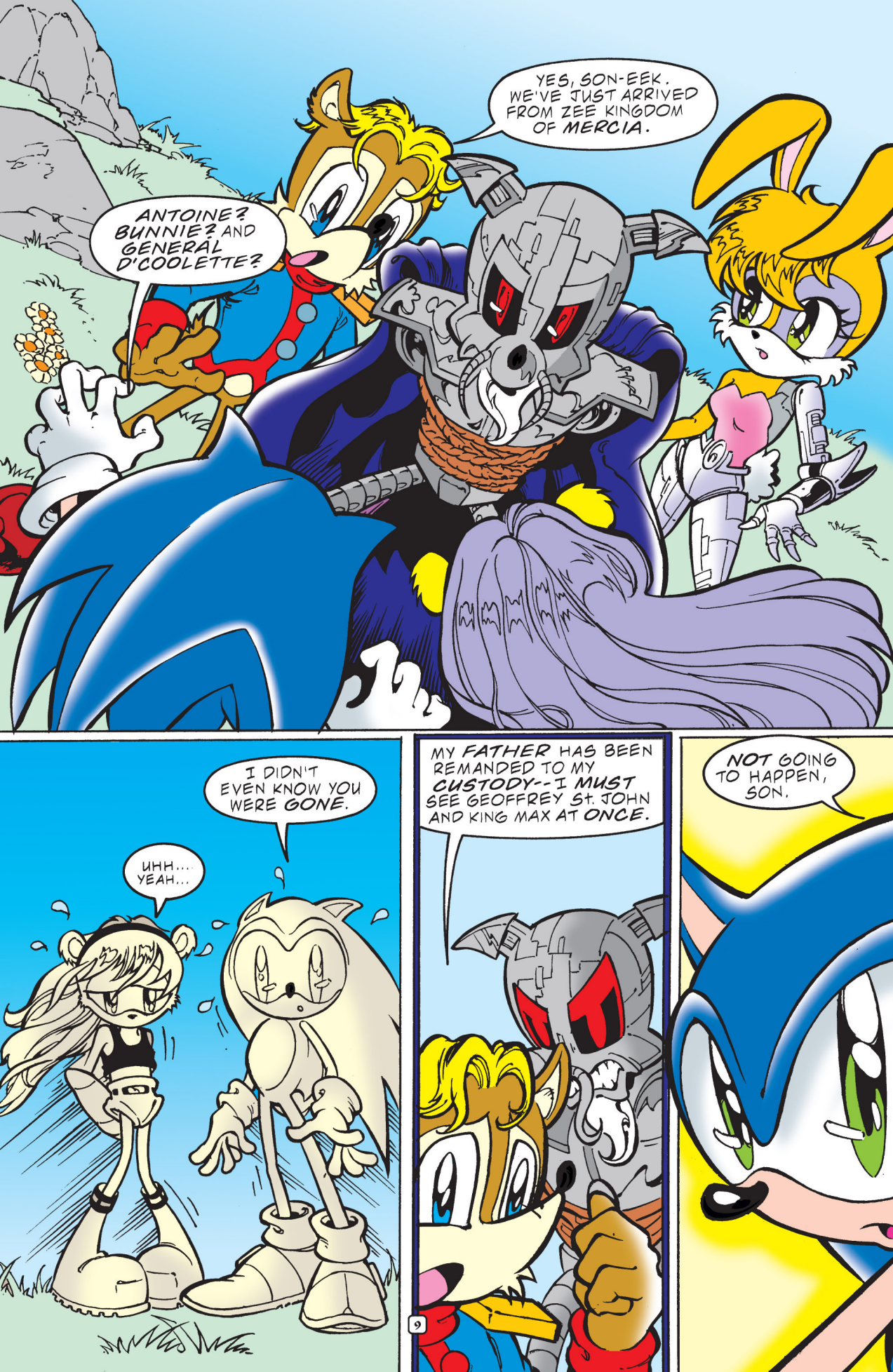
PRINCE ELIAS, WHERE'S SALLY? I NEED TO TALK TO HER LIKE YESTERDAY!
I'M AFRAID THAT'S JUST NOT POSSIBLE, SONIC. ANYTHING YOU HAVE TO SAY TO HER CAN BE SAID TO ME.
I'M WAY SORRY I BOTCHED EVERYTHING, SAL. PLEASE FORGIVE ME.
OH SONIC...
SORRY, ELIAS...NO CAN DO!
COME BACK HERE AND SHOW SOME RESPECT YOU BRAZEN THUG!
LET HIM GO.


THINGS HAVE GONE FROM BAD, TO WORSE TOTALLY IN THE TOILET! I ONLY WANTED TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT...
...INSTEAD I WIND UP CUT OFF FROM--
SONIC-- YOU'RE NOT IN JAIL! YAAAAY!
MINA?
I KNEW YOU'D SHOW--
WHOAAAA!!
SPL-DOW

Hee! Hee!
Hee! Hee!
SONIC!


YES, SON-EEK. WE'VE JUST ARRIVED FROM ZEE KINGDOM OF MERCIA.
ANTOINE? BUNNIE? AND GENERAL D'COOLETTE?
I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW YOU WERE GONE.
UHH... YEAH...
MY FATHER HAS BEEN REMANDED TO MY CUSTODY--I MUST SEE GEOFFREY St. JOHN AND KING MAX AT ONCE.
NOT GOING TO HAPPEN, SON.
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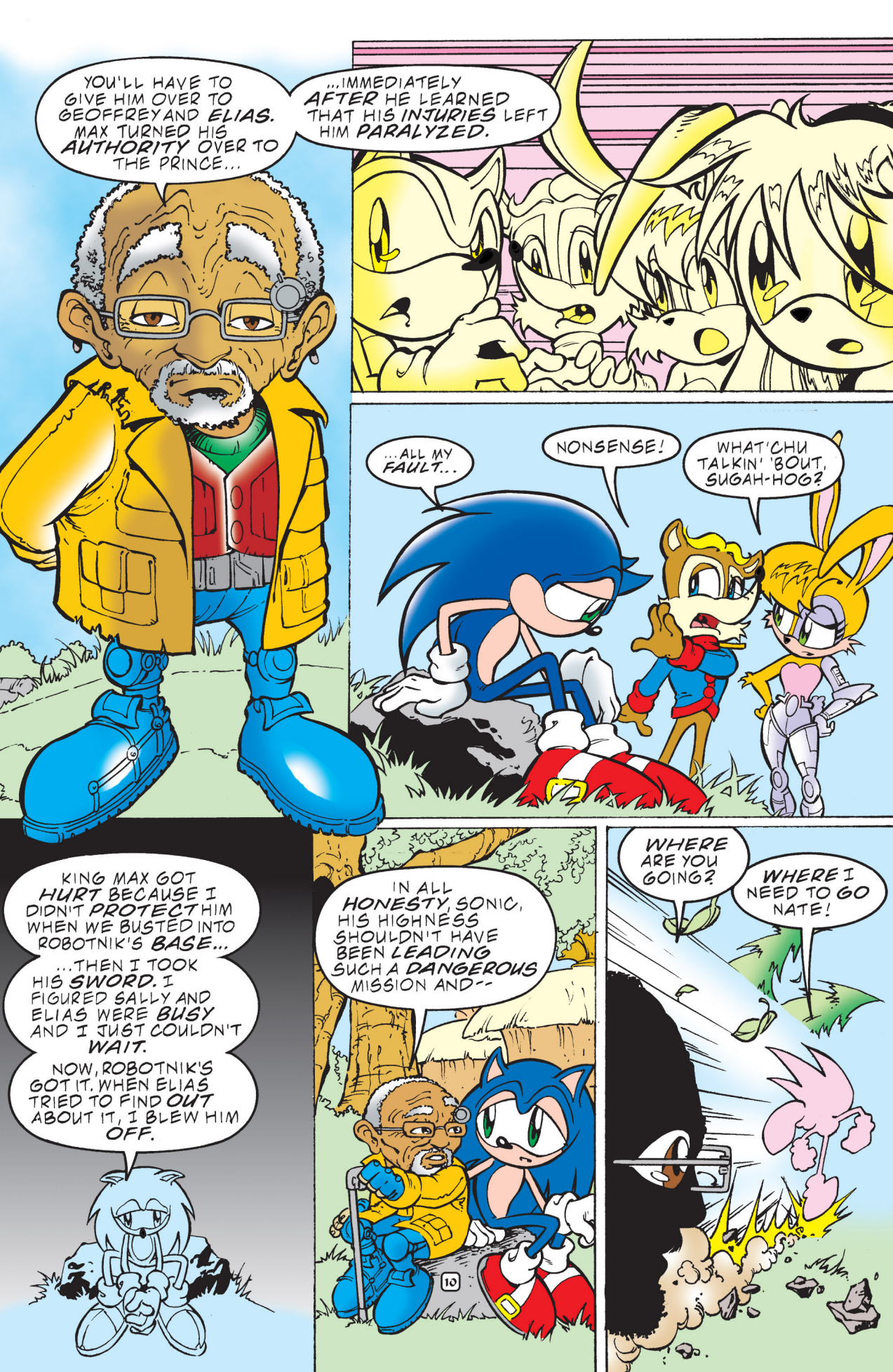
YOU'LL HAVE TO GIVE HIM OVER TO GEOFFREY AND ELIAS. MAX TURNED HIS AUTHORITY OVER TO THE PRINCE...
...IMMEDIATELY AFTER HE LEARNED THAT HIS INJURIES LEFT HIM PARALYZED.
...ALL MY FAULT...
NONSENSE!
WHAT'CHU TALKIN' 'BOUT, SUGAH-HOG?
KING MAX GOT HURT BECAUSE I DIDN'T PROTECT HIM WHEN WE BUSTED INTO ROBOTNIK'S BASE...
...THEN I TOOK HIS SWORD. I FIGURED SALLY AND ELIAS WERE BUSY AND I JUST COULDN'T WAIT.
NOW, ROBOTNIK'S GOT IT. WHEN ELIAS TRIED TO FIND OUT ABOUT IT, I BLEW HIM OFF.
IN ALL HONESTY, SONIC, HIS HIGHNESS SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN LEADING SUCH A DANGEROUS MISSION AND--
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
WHERE I NEED TO GO NATE!
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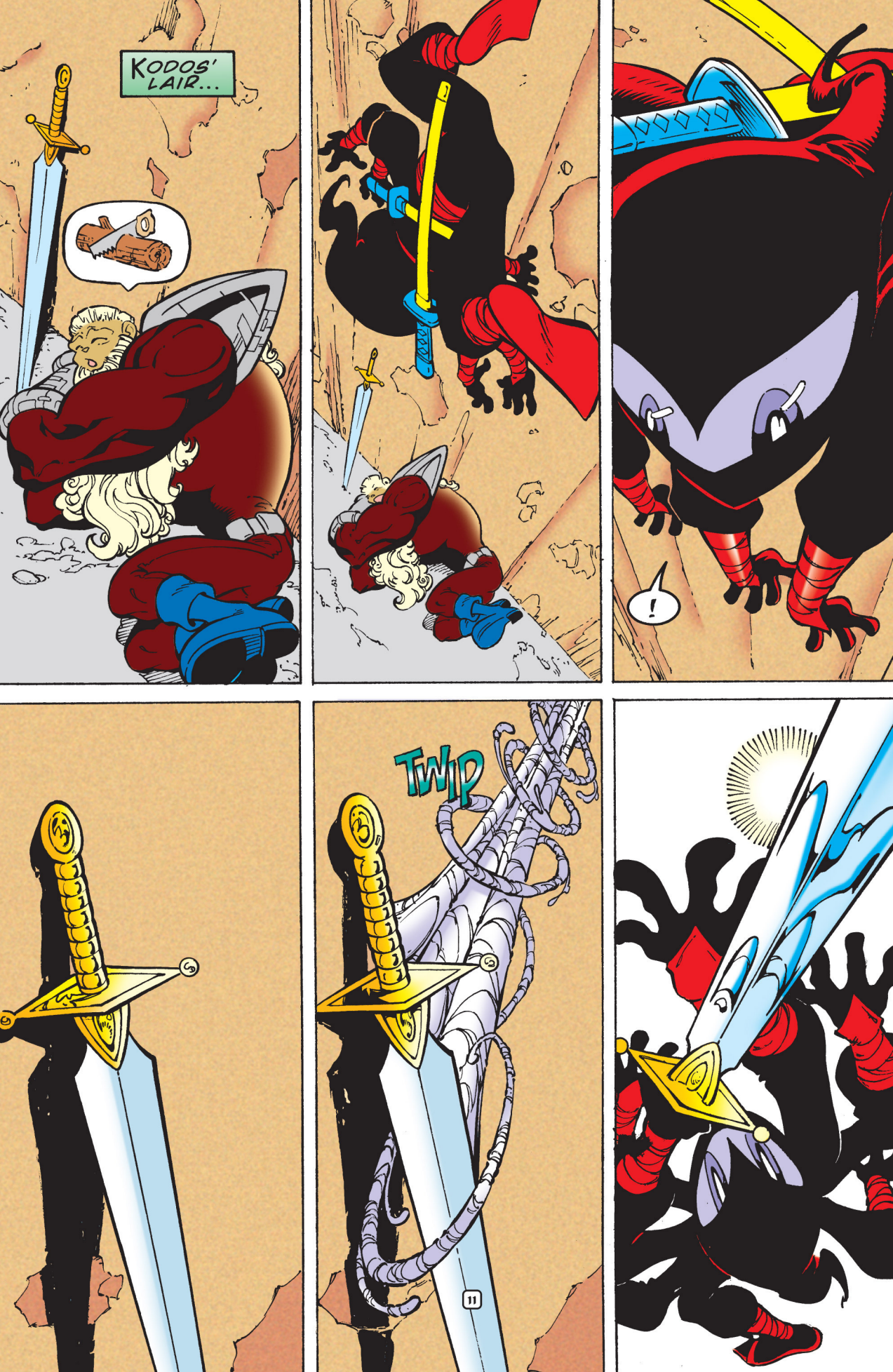
KODOS' LAIR...
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TWIP
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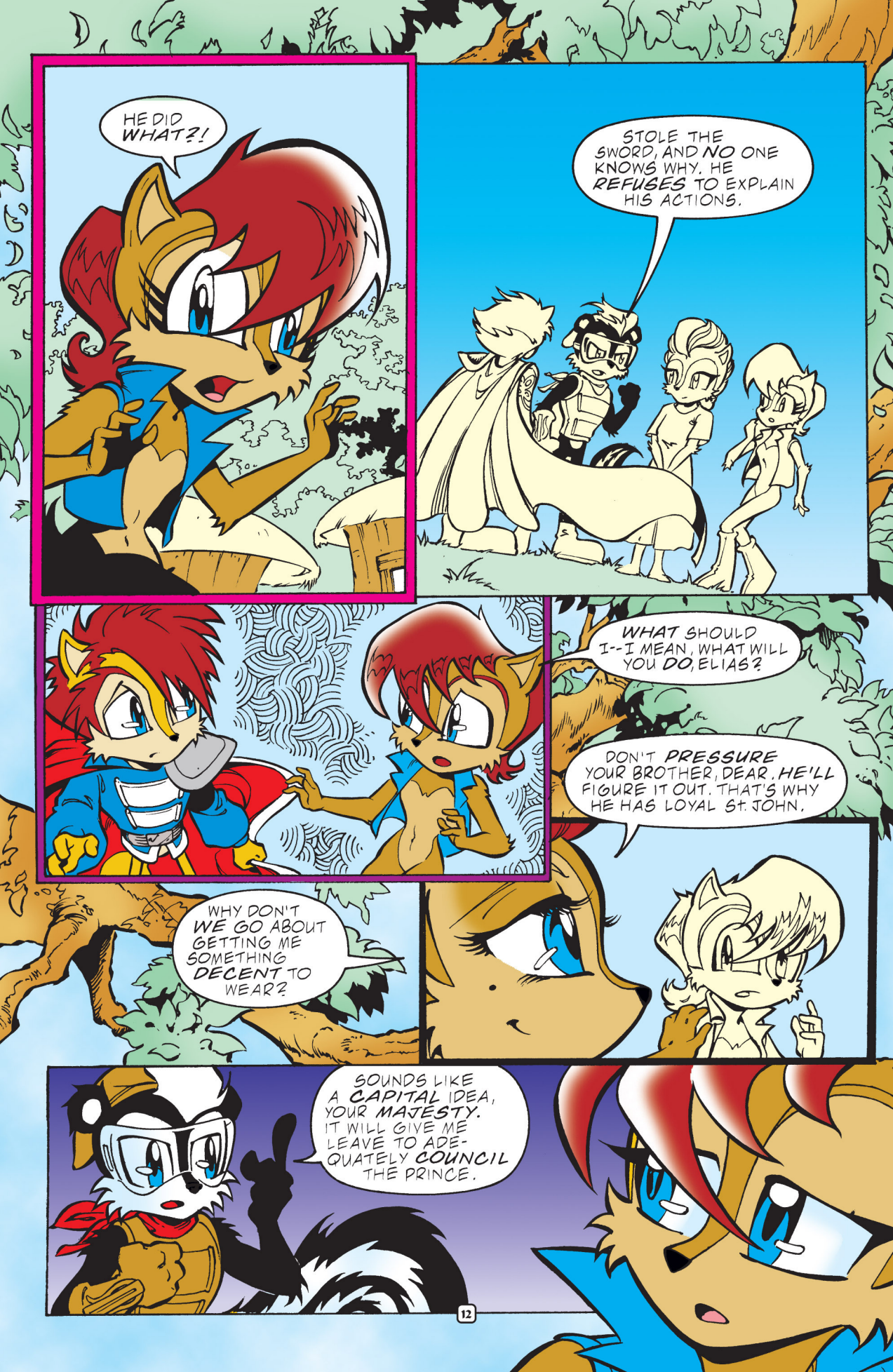
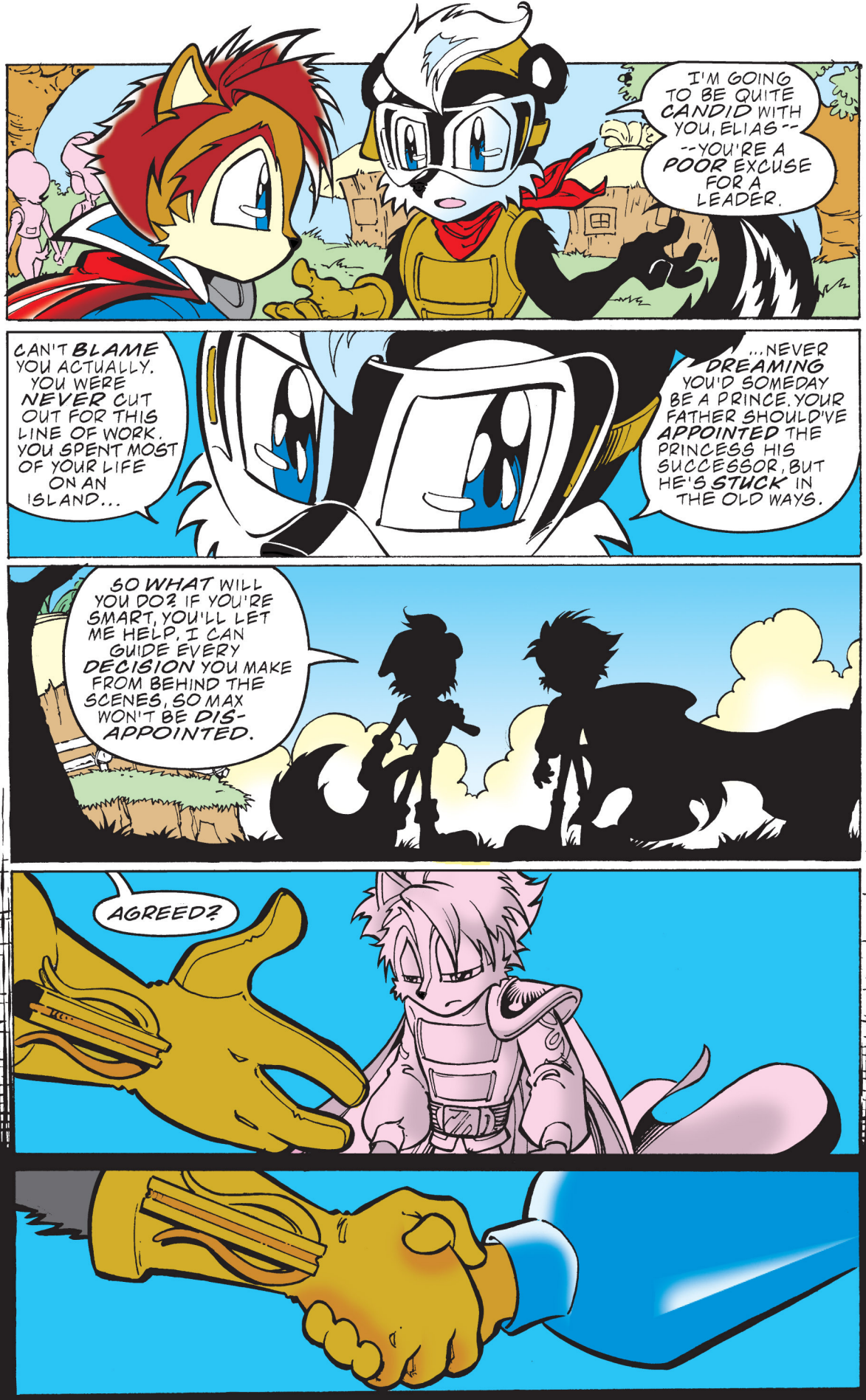
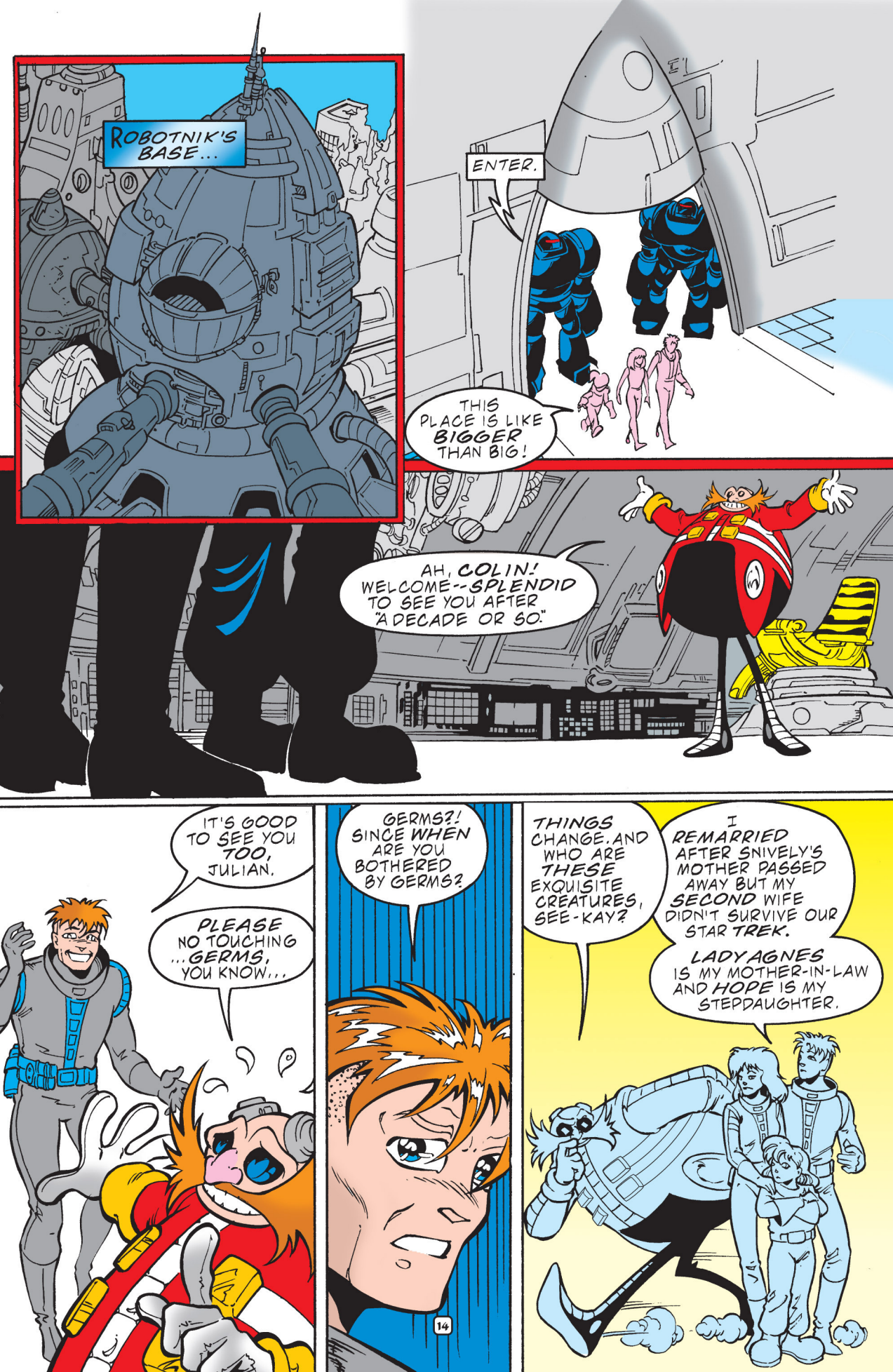

HE DID WHAT?!
STOLE THE SWORD, AND NO ONE KNOWS WHY. HE REFUSES TO EXPLAIN HIS ACTIONS.
WHAT SHOULD I--I MEAN, WHAT WILL YOU DO, ELIAS?
DON'T PRESSURE YOUR BROTHER, DEAR. HE'LL FIGURE IT OUT. THAT'S WHY HE HAS LOYAL ST. JOHN.
WHY DON'T WE GO ABOUT GETTING ME SOMETHING DECENT TO WEAR?
SOUNDS LIKE A CAPITAL IDEA, YOUR MAJESTY. IT WILL GIVE ME LEAVE TO ADE-QUATELY COUNCIL THE PRINCE.


I'M GOING TO BE QUITE CANDID WITH YOU, ELIAS -- --YOU'RE A POOR EXCUSE FOR A LEADER.
CAN'T BLAME YOU ACTUALLY. YOU WERE NEVER CUT OUT FOR THIS LINE OF WORK. YOU SPENT MOST OF YOUR LIFE ON AN ISLAND...
...NEVER DREAMING YOU'D SOMEDAY BE A PRINCE. YOUR FATHER SHOULD'VE APPOINTED THE PRINCESS HIS SUCCESSOR, BUT HE'S STUCK IN THE OLD WAYS.
SO WHAT WILL YOU DO? IF YOU'RE SMART, YOU'LL LET ME HELP. I CAN GUIDE EVERY DECISION YOU MAKE FROM BEHIND THE SCENES, SO MAX WON'T BE DIS-APPOINTED.
AGREED?


ROBOTNIK'S BASE...
ENTER.
THIS PLACE IS LIKE BIGGER THAN BIG!
AH, COLIN! WELCOME--SPLENDID TO SEE YOU AFTER "A DECADE OR SO."
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU TOO, JULIAN.
PLEASE NO TOUCHING ...GERMS, YOU KNOW...
GERMS?! SINCE WHEN ARE YOU BOTHERED BY GERMS?
THINGS CHANGE. AND WHO ARE THESE EXQUISITE CREATURES, SEE-KAY?
I REMARRIED AFTER SNIVELY'S MOTHER PASSED AWAY BUT MY SECOND WIFE DIDN'T SURVIVE OUR STAR TREK.
LADY AGNES IS MY MOTHER-IN-LAW AND HOPE IS MY STEPDAUGHTER.
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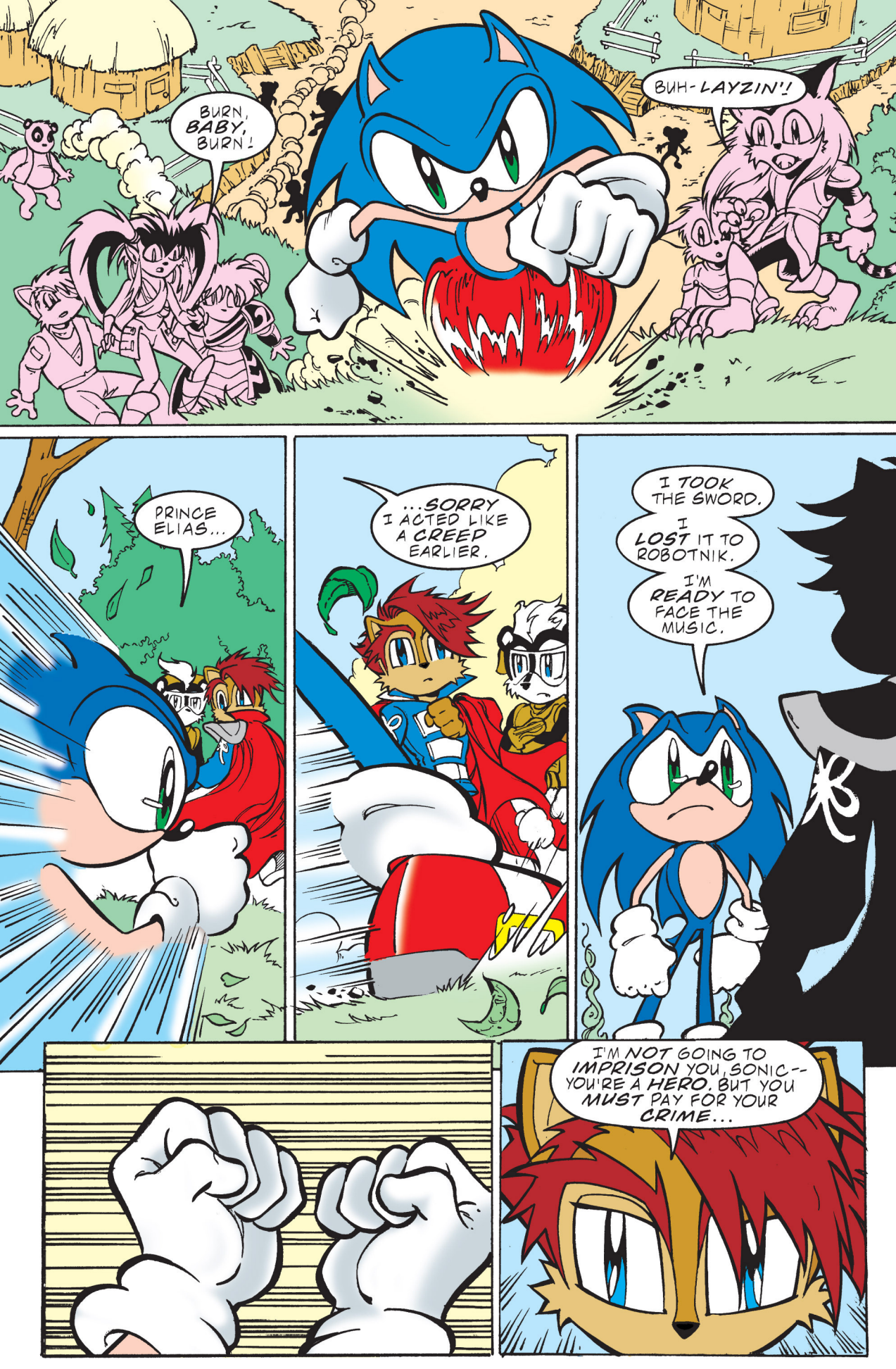

BURN, BABY, BURN!
BUH-LAYZIN'!
PRINCE ELIAS...
...SORRY I ACTED LIKE A CREED EARLIER.
I TOOK THE SWORD.
I LOST IT TO ROBOTNIK.
I'M READY TO FACE THE MUSIC.
I'M NOT GOING TO IMPRISON YOU, SONIC-- YOU'RE A HERO. BUT YOU MUST PAY FOR YOUR CRIME...

...SO I'M DIVESTING YOU OF YOUR KNIGHTHOOD AND, AS A MINOR...
...YOU ARE HEREBY CONFINED TO THE REALM OF KNOTHOLE!
NEXT MONTH: NEW ORDER!

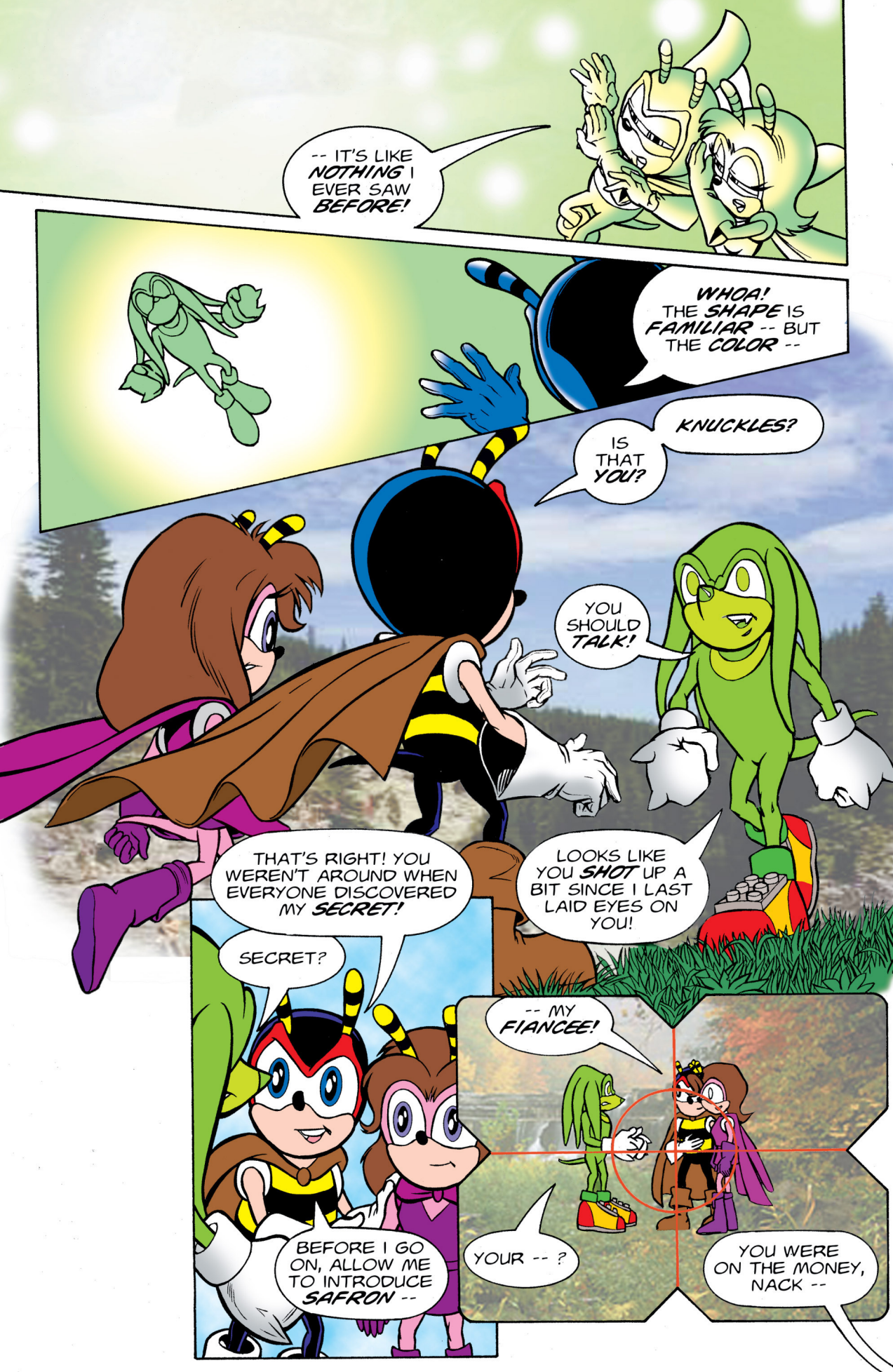
KNUCKLES
THE ECHIDNA

BAGGING THE BIG ONE

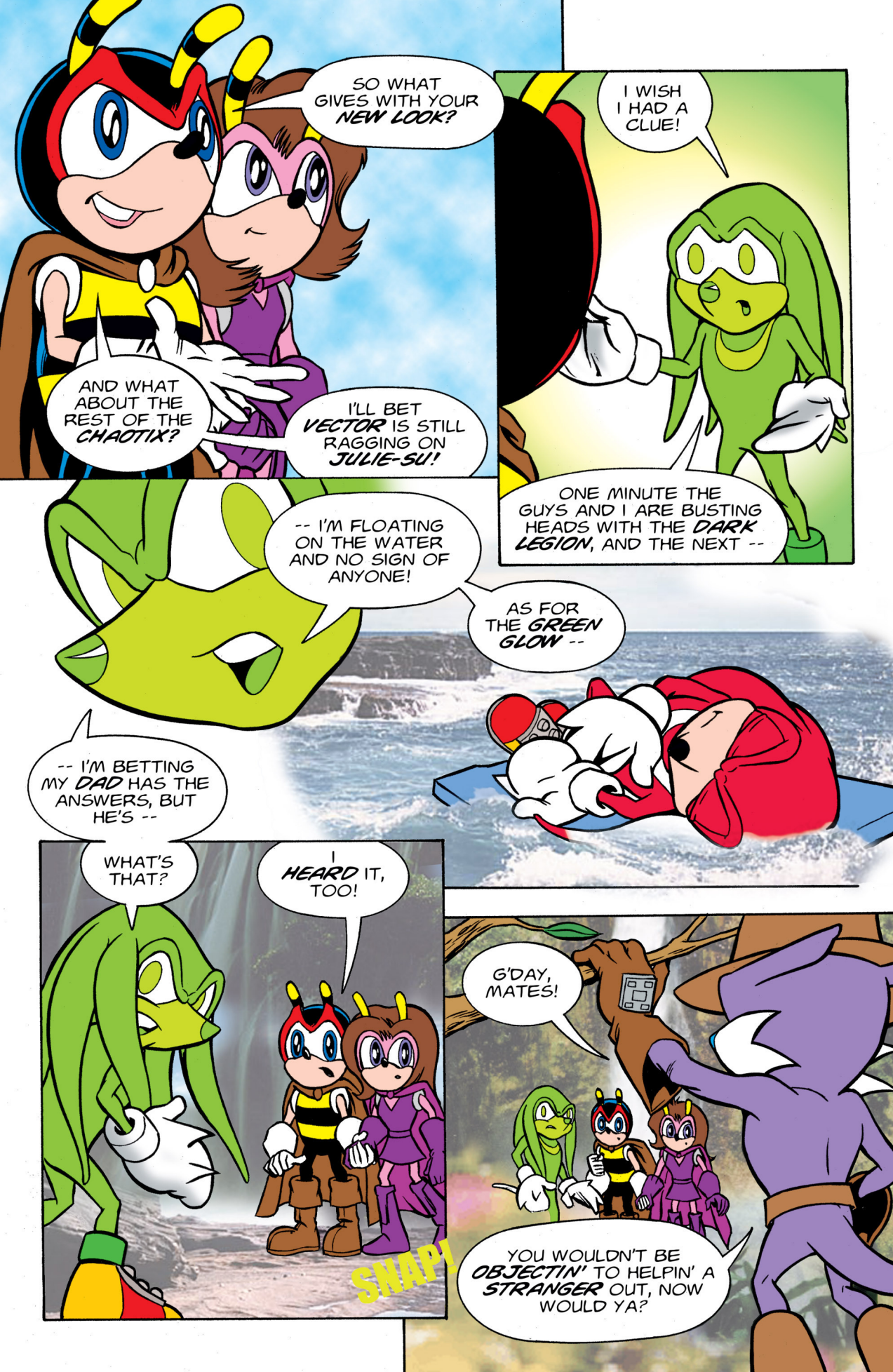
ON A LAZY, SUMMER DAY, WE FIND HIS ROYAL MAJESTY ***PRINCE CHARMY BEE*** AND HIS FIANCEE, THE FAIR ***SAFRON***, ENJOYING THE COMPANY OF EACH OTHER, UNTIL THEIR REVERIE IS UNEXPECTEDLY BROKEN BY A FLASH OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN...

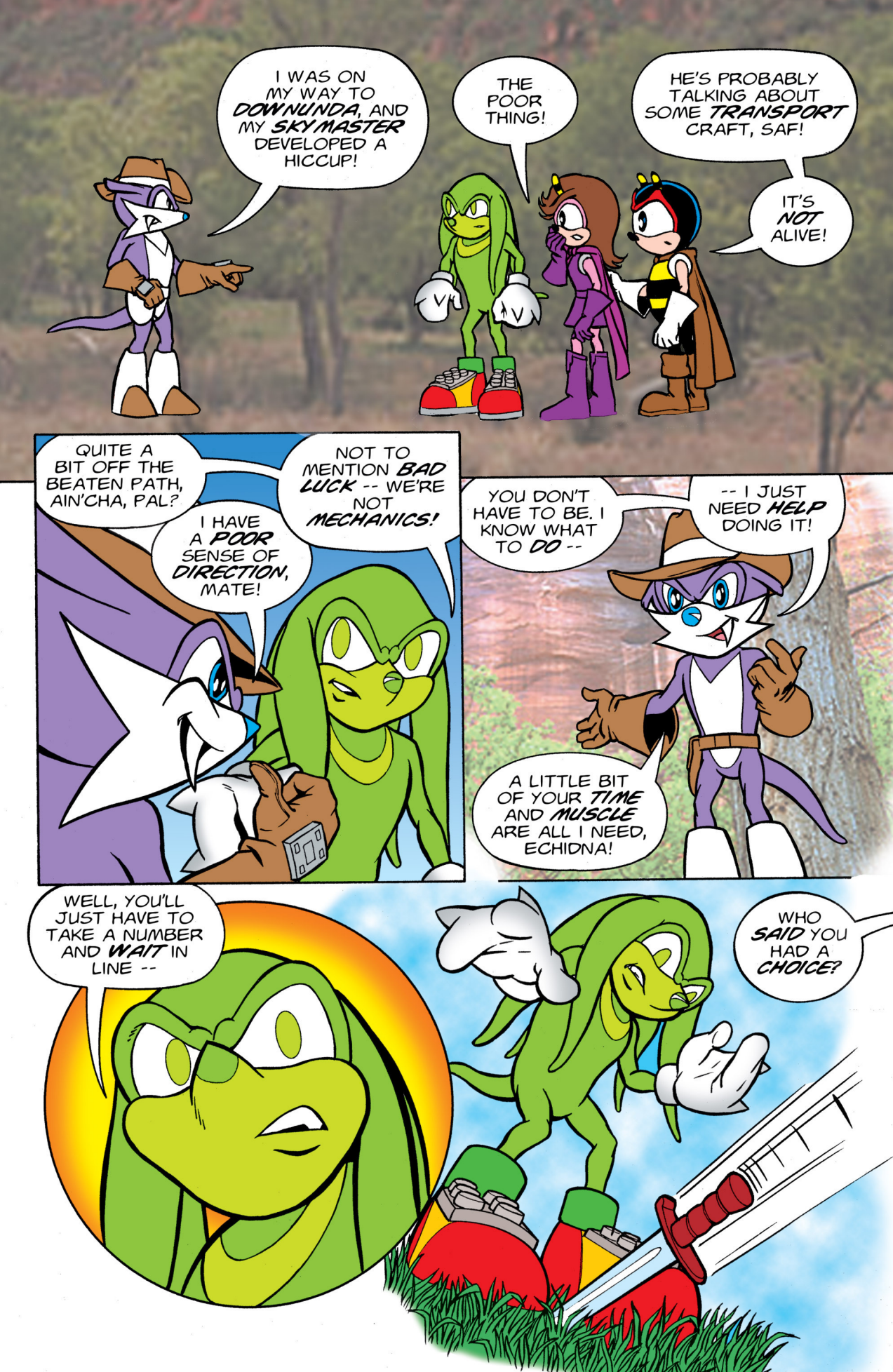
-- AND AFTER WE'RE *MARRIED*, WHAT DO YOU SAY TO HAVING THREE BOYS AND THREE GIRLS --
-- *HUH!!!*
CHARMY!! WHAT'S THAT?!!
BEATS ME, SAFRON, BUT WHATEVER IT IS --

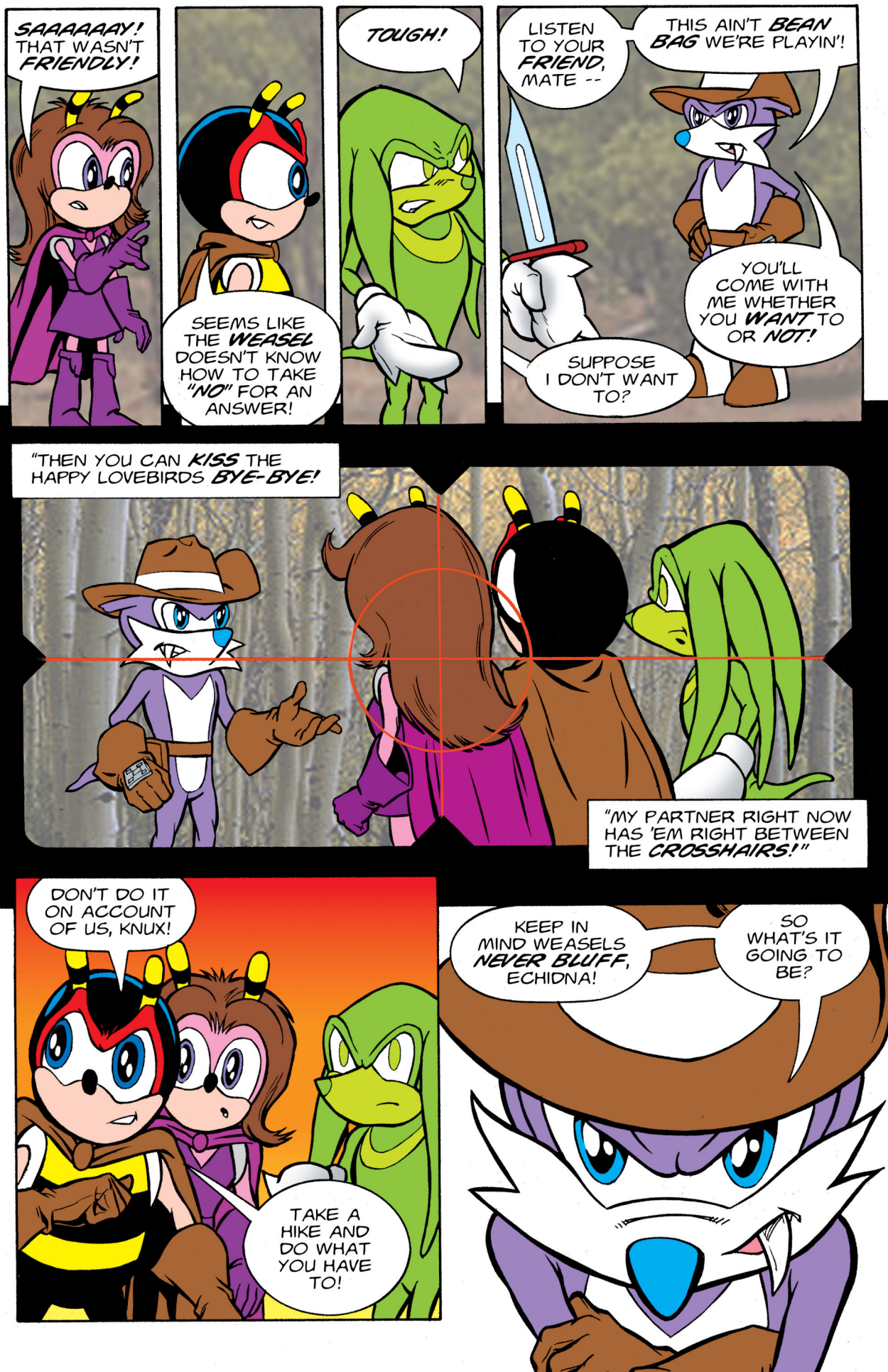
WHAT HAS THIS GOT TO DO WITH KNUCKLES? PATIENCE, DEAR READER, AND ***KEN PENDERS*** (WRITER, ARTIST, LETTERER, COLORIST, CHIEF COOK AND BOTTLE WASHER) ALONG WITH EDITOR ***JUSTIN GABRIE*** WILL SOON MAKE ALL CLEAR! JUST KEEP GOING...

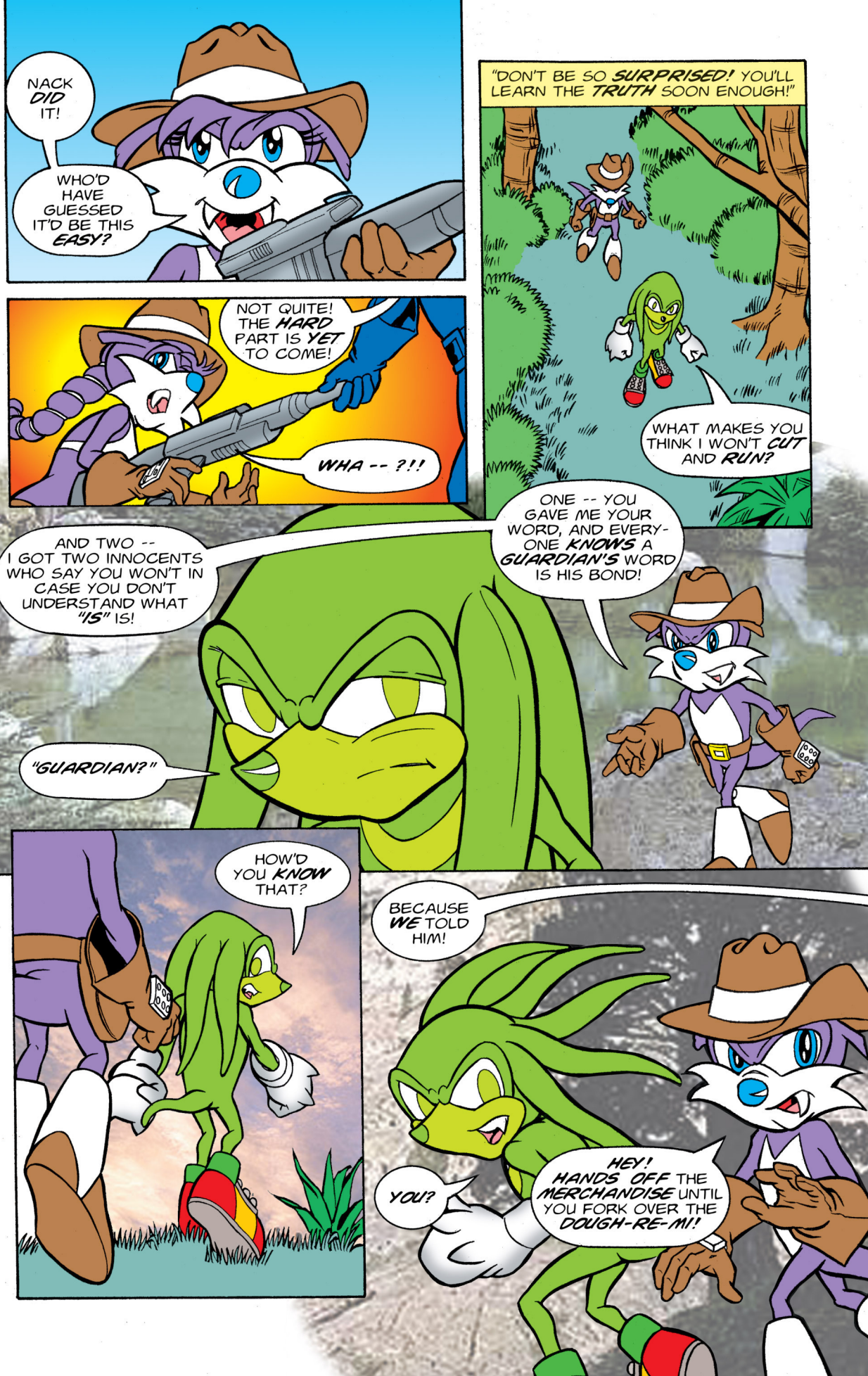

-- IT'S LIKE NOTHING I EVER SAW BEFORE!
WHOA! THE SHAPE IS FAMILIAR -- BUT THE COLOR --
KNUCKLES? IS THAT YOU?
YOU SHOULD TALK!
LOOKS LIKE YOU SHOT UP A BIT SINCE I LAST LAID EYES ON YOU!
THAT'S RIGHT! YOU WEREN'T AROUND WHEN EVERYONE DISCOVERED MY SECRET!
SECRET?
BEFORE I GO ON, ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE SAFRON --
-- MY FIANCEE!
YOUR -- ?
YOU WERE ON THE MONEY, NACK --

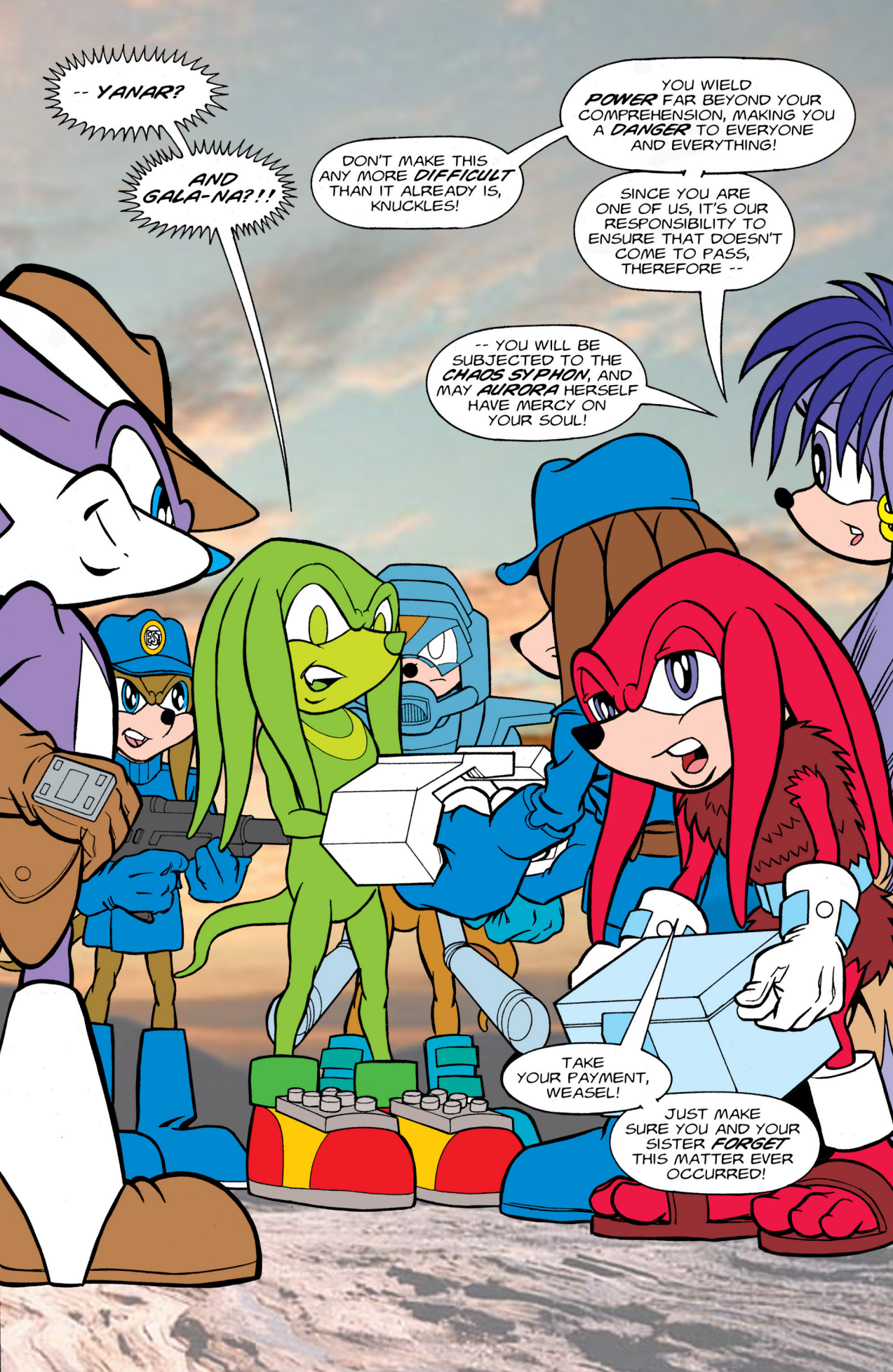
IT'S WHAT ANYONE WOULD USUALLY DO IF THEY WERE IN A PICKLE, NIC!
-- FIGURING KNUCKLES WOULD SEEK OUT HIS FRIENDS!
ACCORDING TO THE ECHIDNAS, OUR BOY LOST HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS DURING AN ATTACK FROM AN OLD ENEMY, WITH ONE EXCEPTION --
THE BEE COLONY IS LOCATED IN ONE CENTRAL LOCATION --
-- UNLIKE HEDGEHOGS, ECHIDNAS AND SQUIRRELS I KNOW!
PRINCE CHARMING OVER THERE!
FORTUNATELY FOR US --
IT WAS SIMPLY A MATTER OF WAITING FOR OUR BOY TO ARRIVE!
NOW THAT HE'S HERE, WE CAN BAG 'IM!
HEYY!!!!
WHEN DID YOU SUFFER A BRAIN-DRAIN, SIS?
YOUR WEAPON STANDS ABOUT AS MUCH CHANCE AGAINST THE ECHIDNA AS I HAVE OF MAKING AN HONEST LIVING!
WHY DO IT THE HARD WAY --
-- WHEN PLAYING DIRTY IS MUCH EASIER!


SO WHAT GIVES WITH YOUR NEW LOOK?
AND WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF THE CHAOTIX?
I'LL BET VECTOR IS STILL RAGGING ON JULIE-SU!
I WISH I HAD A CLUE!
ONE MINUTE THE GUYS AND I ARE BUSTING HEADS WITH THE DARK LEGION, AND THE NEXT --
-- I'M FLOATING ON THE WATER AND NO SIGN OF ANYONE!
AS FOR THE GREEN GLOW --
-- I'M BETTING MY DAD HAS THE ANSWERS, BUT HE'S --
WHAT'S THAT?
I HEARD IT, TOO!
SNAP!
G'DAY, MATES!
YOU WOULDN'T BE OBJECTIN' TO HELPIN' A STRANGER OUT, NOW WOULD YA?


I WAS ON MY WAY TO DOWNUNDA, AND MY SKYMASTER DEVELOPED A HICCUP!
THE POOR THING!
HE'S PROBABLY TALKING ABOUT SOME TRANSPORT CRAFT, SAF!
IT'S NOT ALIVE!
QUITE A BIT OFF THE BEATEN PATH, AIN'CHA, PAL?
I HAVE A POOR SENSE OF DIRECTION, MATE!
NOT TO MENTION BAD LUCK -- WE'RE NOT MECHANICS!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE. I KNOW WHAT TO DO --
-- I JUST NEED HELP DOING IT!
A LITTLE BIT OF YOUR TIME AND MUSCLE ARE ALL I NEED, ECHIDNA!
WELL, YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO TAKE A NUMBER AND WAIT IN LINE --
WHO SAID YOU HAD A CHOICE?


SAAAAAAY! THAT WASN'T FRIENDLY!
SEEMS LIKE THE WEASEL DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO TAKE "NO" FOR AN ANSWER!
TOUGH!
LISTEN TO YOUR FRIEND, MATE --
THIS AIN'T BEAN BAG WE'RE PLAYIN'!
SUPPOSE I DON'T WANT TO?
YOU'LL COME WITH ME WHETHER YOU WANT TO OR NOT!
"THEN YOU CAN KISS THE HAPPY LOVEBIRDS BYE-BYE!
"MY PARTNER RIGHT NOW HAS 'EM RIGHT BETWEEN THE CROSSHAIRS!"
DON'T DO IT ON ACCOUNT OF US, KNUX!
TAKE A HIKE AND DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO!
KEEP IN MIND WEASELS NEVER BLUFF, ECHIDNA!
SO WHAT'S IT GOING TO BE?


NACK DID IT!
WHO'D HAVE GUESSED IT'D BE THIS EASY?
NOT QUITE! THE HARD PART IS YET TO COME!
WHA -- ?!!
"DON'T BE SO SURPRISED! YOU'LL LEARN THE TRUTH SOON ENOUGH!"
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I WON'T CUT AND RUN?
ONE -- YOU GAVE ME YOUR WORD, AND EVERY-ONE KNOWS A GUARDIAN'S WORD IS HIS BOND!
AND TWO -- I GOT TWO INNOCENTS WHO SAY YOU WON'T IN CASE YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT "IS" IS!
"GUARDIAN?"
HOW'D YOU KNOW THAT?
BECAUSE WE TOLD HIM!
YOU?
HEY! HANDS OFF THE MERCHANDISE UNTIL YOU FORK OVER THE DOUGH-RE-MI!


-- YANAR?
AND GALA-NA?!!
DON'T MAKE THIS ANY MORE DIFFICULT THAN IT ALREADY IS, KNUCKLES!
YOU WIELD POWER FAR BEYOND YOUR COMPREHENSION, MAKING YOU A DANGER TO EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING!
SINCE YOU ARE ONE OF US, IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT DOESN'T COME TO PASS, THEREFORE --
-- YOU WILL BE SUBJECTED TO THE CHAOS SYPHON, AND MAY AURORA HERSELF HAVE MERCY ON YOUR SOUL!
TAKE YOUR PAYMENT, WEASEL!
JUST MAKE SURE YOU AND YOUR SISTER FORGET THIS MATTER EVER OCCURRED!